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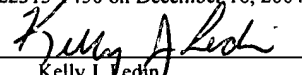
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PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant:	COOPER	Examiner:	Colbert, Ella
Serial No.:	09/614,270	Group Art Unit:	3624
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Title:	DEBIT CARD BILLING SYSTEM		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

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Dear Sir:

Prior to commencing substantive examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

The amendment begins on page 2, and is presented in accordance with the revised practice of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Remarks follow on page 8.